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**ARMED BANK ROBBERS SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT**

**AUGUSTA, GA:** Edmund A. Booth, Jr., Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that Donald M. Reynolds was sentenced to 35 years imprisonment, and Alvin L. Price was sentenced to 22 years and 9 months imprisonment, by U.S. District Judge Dudley H. Bowen, Jr. in U.S. District Court in Augusta. The Court also ordered that both defendants be placed on supervised release for a term of five years following the term of imprisonment, and each pay a fine of \$15,000. On March 7, 2007, Reynolds and Price were convicted by a federal jury of Armed Bank Robbery and Discharging a Firearm During a Crime of Violence. Reynolds was also convicted of Possession of a Firearm and Ammunition by a Convicted Felon, in violation of Title 18 United States Code Sections 2113(d), 924(c), 922(g)(1).

The evidence at trial reflected that this case arose out of the April 21, 2006, armed robbery of Queensborough Bank and Trust, located at 2550 Tobacco Road, Hephzibah, Georgia. During the robbery, Reynolds entered the bank wearing a wig, a shirt over his forehead and a jump suit. He was also armed with a Mossberg, 12 gauge shotgun, purchased by his girlfriend in North Carolina. Upon entering the bank, Reynolds fired a shot into the bank's ceiling, and ordered the bank employees to give him money and remain where they were. Reynolds also

fired shots into the floor and through a glass door, toward bank employees sitting at their desks. One bank employee was injured as a result.

Upon Reynolds' fleeing of the bank in a car driven by Price, a concerned citizen called 911 to report suspicious acts by the car's occupants. When a Richmond County Sheriff's Officer attempted to stop the vehicle, Reynolds fired a shot toward the officer, who returned fire. No one was injured in that exchange. Shortly thereafter, both Reynolds and Price were arrested and have remained in custody since that time.

Booth stated that the investigation involved the cooperative efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Richmond County Sheriff's Office, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The Government was represented at trial by Assistant United States Attorney Joshua S. Weimer, and at the sentencing hearing by Assistant United States Attorney Nancy C. Greenwood.

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